

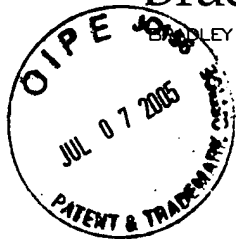
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Re: Request for RCE
Serial No.: 10/685,914
Inventor: Copeland, Daniel A.
Filed: October 15, 2003
Examiner: Bochna, David

Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination, including

- a. An RCE Transmittal form PTO/SB/30,
- b. A Submission (Amendment and Response, and IDS)
- c. The proper fees for an RCE and an extension of one month.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of one month. Please accept, enter, and forward these materials to the examiner for continued examination.

Yours very truly,

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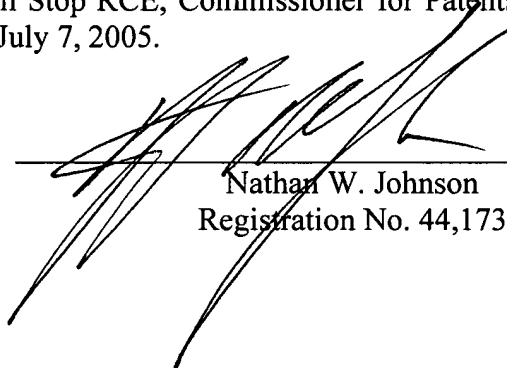
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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that the enclosed cover letter, Request for Continued Examination Transmittal, Submission (being an amendment and response and an IDS), regarding application Ser. No. 10/685,914, with the appropriate fees for a RCE and an extension of 1 months (Fee payment by credit card authorization) are being deposited with the "Express Mail" service of the United States Postal Service in an envelope marked EV302015981US addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 7, 2005.

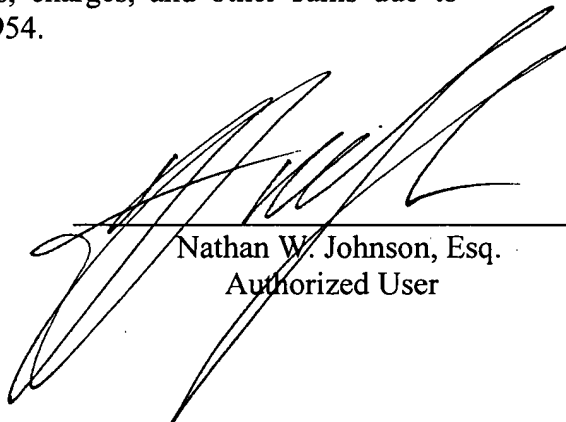


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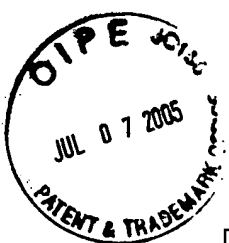
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If, after processing the enclosed checks, any charges, fees, or sums due remain unpaid in connection with this correspondence, I hereby authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge all such remaining fees, charges, and other sums due to Deposit Account Number 50-0954.



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App. Ser. No.: 10/685,914
Filing Date: October 15, 2003
Inventor: Copeland, Daniel A.
Title: Energized restraining gasket for
mechanical joints of pipe
Responsive to: Office Action 3/7/05
Examiner: David Bochna

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Submission Accompanying RCE

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION: The Applicant hereby respectfully requests continued examination of Application Serial Number 10/685,914. In connection with this request, Applicant submits as its Submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c): (1) an IDS and (2) the Response and remarks filed by Applicant on June 7, 2005 in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 7, 2005. Reconsideration and continued examination in light of this submission is respectfully requested.

EXTENSION REQUEST: Applicant requests and petitions for an extension of one month, and attaches hereto the appropriate fee for such extension.

RCE CONDITIONS SATISFIED: This RCE and Submission satisfy all requirements:

- Prosecution is closed (37 C.F.R. 1.114(a)), because the application is subject to a final Office Action (37 C.F.R. 1.114(b)).
- Applicant requests continued examination (37 C.F.R. 1.114(a)), by virtue of the RCE Cover Sheet attached hereto and the above request.
- The Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is included herewith by means of a credit card authorization and an authorization to charge deposit account
- This filing is made prior to the abandonment of the application. No issue fee has been paid, and no notice of appeal has been filed.

PROPER SUBMISSION: This Submission includes (1) an IDS, and (2) a refiling of the Response filed by the Applicant on June 7, 2005, but not entered by the Examiner. These items satisfy the submission requirement. MPEP 706.07(h)(II). Because the response in this submission (other than this page) is a duplicate of the paper filed on June 7, 2005, the entry of those amendments will satisfy all amendments made hereby. Separately, an IDS is also enclosed, showing references reported in a PCT search report.

Respectfully submitted,

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DATE Signed

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